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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

1. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	42	46	54	49	47	55	65	14	[140]
Wrong track.....	41	40	33	38	38	31	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	11	10	10	12	12	9	9	
Not sure.....	3	3	3	3	3	2	4	6	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>			
		51	45	45	50	53			
		35	39	39	35	32			
		11	13	13	12	12			
		3	3	3	3	3			

+ Asked only of registered voters.

- 2a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	58	58	66	68	65	68	68	68	41	[141]
Disapprove.....	37	36	31	29	31	29	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	5	6	3	3	4	3	3	3	9	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>				
		66	64	63	66	66				
		31	30	30	29	28				
		3	6	7	5	6				

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>6/99*</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>		
Approve.....	71	73	74	78	72	74	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/93</u>	<u>9/94</u>
Disapprove.....	21	18	20	17	21	21	78	40	40
Not sure.....	8	9	6	5	7	5	17	51	51
							5	9	9
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>			
		75	69	70	76	76			
		19	23	22	16	17			
		6	8	8	8	7			

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Asked only of registered voters.

2c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>6/99**</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<div> <div>High</div> <div>Low</div> </div>		
Approve.....	50	50	60	65	61	70	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/94</u>	
Disapprove.....	41	41	31	28	30	26	70	32	
Not sure.....	9	9	9	7	9	4	26	60	
							4	8	
		<u>9/98</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>2/98</u>			
		63	58	53	63	61			
		29	31	36	27	31			
		8	11	11	10	8			

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	Very Positive	Somewha t Positive	Neutral	Somewha t Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[149]
June 1999 **.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
April 1999.....	23	23	14	13	26	1	
March 1999.....	23	25	14	11	27	-	
January 1999.....	27	24	12	11	25	1	
December 1998.....	25	26	13	10	26	-	
October 1998+.....	25	26	10	12	26	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
July 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[147]
June 1999 *.....	25	22	17	13	22	1	
April 1999.....	30	19	17	12	20	2	
March 1999.....	35	19	16	11	18	1	
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
December 1998.....	33	21	17	11	17	1	
October 1998+.....	32	24	15	12	16	1	
September 1998.....	29	21	20	12	18	-	
July 1998.....	22	24	25	13	14	2	
June 1998.....	26	22	21	11	19	1	
April 1998.....	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998.....	27	25	19	11	17	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

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** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.3. (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewha t Positive	Neutral	Somewha t Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Al Gore							[150]
June 1999 **.....	15	23	27	16	15	4	
April 1999.....	11	24	30	14	17	4	
March 1999.....	16	23	29	16	14	2	
January 1999.....	17	24	29	15	12	3	
December 1998.....	17	25	27	13	15	3	
September 1998.....	16	25	32	12	13	2	
July 1998.....	16	26	31	12	13	2	
June 1998.....	18	26	31	10	13	2	
April 1998.....	16	29	29	12	11	3	
February 1998.....	18	29	27	12	11	3	
High							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
Low							
December 1997.....	13	23	28	14	18	4	
Elizabeth Dole							[144]
June 1999 *.....	17	31	29	9	6	8	
April 1999.....	19	28	26	10	9	8	
March 1999.....	26	30	28	6	4	6	
George W. Bush							[151]
June 1999 **.....	23	27	25	9	8	8	
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
March 1999.....	25	26	28	5	5	11	
December 1998.....	25	28	27	5	4	11	
September 1997.....	9	19	32	9	6	25	
President George Bush							[148]
June 1999 *.....	30	31	20	11	6	2	
June 1995.....	17	38	22	13	10	-	
January 1993.....	21	31	20	14	13	1	
December 1992.....	18	28	18	19	15	2	
November 1992+.....	20	21	11	17	29	2	
October 1992+.....	14	20	14	22	30	-	
September 1992+.....	15	25	15	19	25	1	
August 1992+.....	11	25	13	21	29	1	
July 1992+.....	9	26	18	23	23	1	
May 1992+.....	12	28	17	21	21	1	
April 1992+.....	15	29	17	19	19	1	

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* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.3. (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewha t Positive	Neutral	Somewha t Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
The Democratic Party							[145]
June 1999 *.....	16	29	25	13	15	2	
March 1999.....	21	25	24	14	15	1	
January 1999.....	18	27	27	16	10	2	
December 1998.....	18	28	25	16	11	2	
October 1998+.....	13	29	28	16	12	2	
September 1998.....	15	25	33	17	9	1	
April 1998.....	15	27	29	15	12	2	
January 1998.....	13	30	30	16	9	2	
September 1997.....	13	28	28	18	11	2	
July 1997.....	12	29	30	16	11	2	
<i>High</i>							
October 20-21, 1992+.....	19	29	22	15	12	3	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994.....	10	23	25	24	16	2	
The Republican Party							[152]
June 1999 **.....	11	26	27	18	15	3	
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
December 1998.....	10	23	26	21	18	2	
October 1998+.....	13	24	22	21	19	1	
September 1998.....	14	27	29	15	14	1	
April 1998.....	10	27	30	18	13	2	
January 1998.....	9	29	30	18	12	2	
September 1997.....	11	25	29	20	13	2	
July 1997.....	8	29	31	19	11	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	
The National Rifle Association or NRA							[146]
June 1999 *.....	18	15	19	14	29	5	
July 1995.....	10	17	22	17	30	4	
June 1995.....	12	16	19	16	29	8	
The Christian Coalition							[153]
June 1999 **.....	11	16	24	14	16	19	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	6/99**	4/99	3/99	1/99	12/98	10/98+	9/98	High 9/98	Low 10/90+	
Approve.....	40	49	41	50	44	48	61	61	22	[154]
Disapprove.....	42	38	45	40	42	39	28	28	69	
Not sure.....	18	13	14	10	14	13	11	11	9	
				7/98	6/98	4/98	2/98			
				53	48	51	57			
				31	37	34	29			
				16	15	15	14			

+ Asked only of registered voters.

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

4b. What is your preference for the outcome of the November 2000 congressional elections¹--a Congress controlled by Republicans or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

	6/99*	4/99	3/99	10/98+	9/98	7/98	6/98	4/98	2/98	
Republican-controlled Congress. .	42	41	37	41	40	41	39	37	41	[155]
Democrat-controlled Congress.....	41	40	43	43	39	40	40	41	37	
Not sure ²	17	19	20	16	21	19	21	22	22	
		1/98	12/97	9/97	7/97	4/97	1/96	12/95	10/94	
		40	41	41	45	44	41	42	44	
		42	37	39	39	38	38	41	38	
		18	22	20	16	18	21	17	18	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ In October 1994, the question referred to the 1994 congressional elections; the 1995 and 1996 survey dates referred to the 1996 congressional elections; the 1997 and 1998 dates refer to the 1998 congressional elections.

² The volunteered responses "both equal," "neither in control," or "doesn't matter," were reported separately; for purposes of comparative they are combined with "not sure."

5. Which one of the following seven issues do you think needs the greatest attention from the federal government at the present time?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	6/99	3/99	9/97	3/97	
Improving public education ¹	23	24	28	26	[156-157]
Guaranteeing the financial stability of Social Security ²	20	25	19	21	
Promoting strong moral values.....	17	14	NA	NA	
Reducing taxes.....	9	9	NA	NA	
Reducing crime.....	9	7	13	14	
Strengthening the economy.....	6	7	11	10	
Reforming HMOs.....	6	NA	NA	NA	
All equally (VOL).....	9	8	6	6	
None of these (VOL).....	1	-	1	1	
Not sure	-	-	1	-	

¹ In 1997 this issue was referred to as "Improving education."

² In 1997 this issue was referred to as "Guaranteeing the financial stability of Social Security and Medicare."

6. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	17		[158]
Not very strong Democrat.....	12	Skip to Q.7c	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9		
Strictly independent.....	21	Skip to Q.8a	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9		
Not very strong Republican.....	9	CONTINUE	
Strong Republican.....	14		
Other.....	7	Skip to Q.8a	
Not sure/nothing.....	2		

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.6.)

- 7a. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the Republican nomination for president in the year 2000. If you were voting today in the next Republican primary for president, which one of the following candidates would you vote for? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.) (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	6/99	4/99	3/99	1/99	12/98	9/98	6/98	4/98	1/98	9/97	7/97	4/97	
George W. Bush.....	61	48	53	36	52	41	34	40	26	24	20	24	[159-
Elizabeth Dole.....	11	19	18	26	11	10	18	NA	14	14	15	16	160]
Steve Forbes.....	6	6	6	4	6	7	7	11	10	11	7	8	
Dan Quayle.....	5	4	7	8	7	8	9	14	6	7	10	9	
John McCain.....	4	6	2	5	NA	NA	NA	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Pat Buchanan.....	4	5	4	4	4	4	NA	4	6	4	4	6	
John Kasich.....	1	2	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	
Lamar Alexander.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	2	5	3	
Gary Bauer.....	1	1	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
None/other (VOL).....	1	2	1	1	4	7	6	8	-	9	13	8	
Not sure.....	5	6	4	7	7	5	9	10	13	9	7	9	

NOTE: An "NA" indicates that the person was not included in the list of potential candidates for that particular survey. Potential candidates who do not appear on the current list but were included previously and received less than 5% of the vote are included in the percentage for "none/other."

(ASK ONLY OF REPUBLICANS IN Q.6.)

- 7b. Which do you prefer in a presidential candidate -- someone whose first priority is cutting taxes or someone whose first priority is restricting abortion?

First priority is cutting taxes.....	63	[161]
First priority is restricting abortion.....	28	
Neither/other (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.6.)

7c. The candidates in the Democratic primary are Bill Bradley and Al Gore. For whom would you vote if the election were held today--Bill Bradley or Al Gore? **(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>9/98</u>	
Bill Bradley.....	17	23	20	13	12	12	[162]
Al Gore.....	65	62	65	45	49	51	
Neither/other (VOL).....	4	5	5	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	14	10	10	12	9	14	
			<u>1/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	
			14	13	11	9	
			45	47	52	56	
			NA	5	7	11	
			29	14	9	6	

(ASK ONLY OF DEMOCRATS IN Q.6.)

7d. Which do you prefer in a presidential candidate -- someone who will take an approach similar to that of Bill Clinton or someone who will take an approach different than that of Bill Clinton?

Approach similar to Clinton.....	61	[163]
Approach different than Clinton.....	30	
Some of both/depends on issue (VOL)...	7	
Not sure.....	2	

8a. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and Elizabeth Dole were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>6/99*</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
Al Gore.....	40	40	39	38	[164]
Elizabeth Dole.....	43	45	48	47	
Neither/other (VOL).....	10	7	7	8	
Not sure.....	7	8	6	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

8b. If the next election for president were held today, and Al Gore were running as the Democratic candidate and George W. Bush were the Republican candidate, for whom would you vote?

	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	
Al Gore.....	36	35	34	40	40	39	41	45	45	[165]
George W. Bush.....	51	53	52	50	48	49	44	39	39	
Neither/other (VOL)...	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	8	8	
Not sure.....	9	7	10	5	7	7	10	8	8	

+ Asked only of registered voters

8c. How much would you say you know about George W. Bush and what he stands for -- a lot, a fair amount, just some, or very little?

	<u>6/99**</u>	<u>12/98</u>	
Know a lot.....	7	6	[166]
Know a fair amount.....	32	24	
Know just some.....	29	26	
Know very little.....	32	43	
Not sure.....	-	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

9a. As you may know, Hillary Rodham Clinton is planning on running for the U.S. Senate from the state of New York. How much interest do you have in Hillary Rodham Clinton's plans to run for the U.S. Senate -- a lot, a fair amount, just some, or very little? *

A lot of interest.....	17	[167]
A fair amount of interest.....	13	
Just some interest.....	18	
Very little interest.....	51	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9b. What is your reaction to Hillary Rodham Clinton's running for the U.S. Senate--are you delighted, pleased, neutral, displeased, or offended? *

Delighted.....	11	[168]
Pleased.....	20	
Neutral.....	35	
Displeased.....	13	
Offended.....	18	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9c. Which ONE of the following, if any, do you think best explains Hillary Rodham Clinton's motives for running for the U.S. Senate? *

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To become a senator so she can affect and shape public policy...	38	[169]
To run for President in the future.....	25	
To establish independence from her husband.....	25	
All/none (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9d. Do you think that Hillary Rodham Clinton will or will not be able to perform her duties as First Lady while running for the U.S. Senate? *

Yes, will be able to perform her duties as First Lady.....	68	[170]
No, will not be able to perform her duties as First Lady.....	25	
Not sure.....	7	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 9e. Hillary Rodham Clinton has never been a resident of the state of New York, but she is still eligible to run for the U.S. Senate. Do you think that it is appropriate or not appropriate for her to run for Senate from the state of New York? *

It is appropriate.....	38	[171]
It is NOT appropriate.....	57	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to a different topic . . .

10a. Which one of the following do you think poses the greatest threat to the health of the U.S. economy?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	6/99**	7/98	
The federal government's handling of the budget deficit...	29	23	[172-173]
Recent mergers of large corporations.....	13	13	
Unexpected inflation.....	12	11	
The financial crisis in Asia.....	10	17	
The year two thousand computer problem.....	9	10	
A decline in the stock market.....	8	8	
A rise in interest rates.....	7	NA	
All of these (VOL).....	6	7	
None of these (VOL).....	1	2	
Not sure.....	5	5	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

10b. As you may know, the U.S. is experiencing historically high trade deficits, which means that we are buying more products from abroad than we are selling abroad. Which of the following approaches to dealing with the trade deficit would you prefer -- (a) making imported goods more expensive by imposing new taxes, (b) launching new efforts to persuade Americans not to buy imported goods, or (c) doing nothing about the trade deficit because Americans are buying what they want?¹

Make goods more expensive/impose new taxes.....	24	[458]
Launch new efforts not to buy imported goods.....	34	
Do nothing because Americans are buying what they want. .	32	
None/other (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	3	

¹ Asked only on June 17-19.

Now I would like to ask you some questions about the situation involving Serbia and Kosovo.

11a. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the current situation involving Serbia and Kosovo?

	6/99**	4/17- 19/99	4/5/99	
Approve.....	56	52	54	[174]
Disapprove.....	35	37	35	
Not sure.....	9	11	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11b. Thinking about the current situation in Kosovo, do you think the U.S. involvement in the military conflict was or was not worth it? **

U.S. involvement worth it.....	58	[175]
U.S. involvement not worth it.....	33	
Not sure.....	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

May, 1991: Thinking about the current situation in the Persian Gulf, do you think the war with Iraq was or was not worth it?

Worth it	74
Not worth it.....	19
In between (VOL).....	4
Not sure.....	3

- 11c. As you may know, the U.S. and its NATO allies have negotiated a peace agreement with Serbia. It calls for an international peacekeeping force in Kosovo, which includes troops from the U.S. as well as other countries. Do you favor or oppose U.S. troops participating in the peacekeeping force in Kosovo? *

Favor.....	62	[176]
Oppose.....	33	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11d. If U.S. and NATO leaders determine that Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic is not complying with the terms of the peace agreement that ended the bombing of Serbian targets, do you think that the U.S. and NATO should resume bombing immediately or use diplomatic pressure to get Milosevic to comply? *

Should resume bombing immediately.....	34	[177]
Should use diplomatic pressure.....	58	
Not sure.....	8	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11e. Now that the bombing has ended, the U.S. has said that European nations will pay for most of the costs of repair and economic development in the area around Kosovo. Do you think that European nations will pay for most of the costs, or do you think that the U.S. will end up paying for most of the costs? *

European nations will pay for most of the costs.....	10	[178]
U.S. will end up paying for most of the costs.....	81	
U.S./Europe will divide costs evenly (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11f. As you may know, Russia sent its own peacekeepers to Kosovo to take over the main airport before there was an agreement with the U.S. and NATO on who would be in command of the peacekeeping operation. Do you think that the Russian action in Kosovo is a sign of serious trouble or a minor misunderstanding? **

Sign of serious trouble.....	53	[179]
Minor misunderstanding.....	36	
Not sure.....	11	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Turning to another subject . . .

12a. Today, in general do you think of China as more of an ally or more of an adversary?

	6/99**	5/97	3/95	
Ally.....	18	29	31	[180]
Adversary.....	67	59	62	
Both (VOL) ¹	3	{6}	{2}	
Neither (VOL).....	2			
Not sure.....	10	8	5	

¹ Before June 1999, the volunteered responses both and neither were combined.

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

12b. As you may know, a special congressional committee has released a report charging that China stole American nuclear secrets and used other means to acquire advanced military technology. If the report is true, do you think that the loss of technology to China poses a major threat, a minor threat, or not much of a threat at all to U.S. national security? **

Major threat.....	55	[208]
Minor threat.....	32	
Not much of a threat at all.....	10	
Not sure.....	3	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

12c. When it comes to the allegations that China stole American nuclear secrets and advanced military technology, do you think that the Clinton Administration is mostly responsible for allowing this to happen, or do you think that previous presidential administrations bear just as much responsibility? **

Clinton Administration mostly responsible.....	22	[209]
Previous presidential administrations bear just as much responsibility.....	69	
Not sure.....	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Now I would like to turn to the issue of values and the American family for the rest of the survey.

13a. Which should be a more important goal for our society these days--promoting greater respect for traditional social and moral values, or encouraging greater tolerance of people with different lifestyles and backgrounds?

Promoting greater respect for traditional values.....	60	[210]
Encouraging greater tolerance.....	29	
Both equally (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	1	

13b. Thinking back to when you were growing up, would you say that the social and moral values in the United States were the same as today, higher than today, or lower than today?

Same as today.....	9	[211]
Higher than today.....	67	
Lower than today.....	22	
Not sure.....	2	

13c. Thinking back to when you were growing up, would you say the social and moral values in your own household now are the same as, higher than, or lower than those in your parents' household?

	6/99	6/94	
Same as parents' household.....	59	55	[212]

Higher than parents' household.....	20	23
Lower than parents' household.....	19	19
Not applicable (VOL).....	1	2
Not sure.....	1	1

14. Do you think that society's standards for acceptable and unacceptable behavior have become higher in recent years, have become lower in recent years, or haven't changed either way?

Higher.....	24	[213]
Lower.....	66	
No change.....	8	
Not sure.....	2	

15. Thinking about the changes that have taken place in society over the past fifteen to twenty years, which one of the following changes bothers you the most?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>6/99</u>	<u>3/98</u>	
The lack of respect for authority and elders.....	37	29	[214]
The content of today's television and music programming...	13	13	
The number of unwed teenage mothers.....	11	15	
The rate of divorce.....	7	7	
The acceptance and everyday usage of vulgar or profane language.....	7	NA	
More mothers working outside the home.....	6	NA	
All of these (VOL).....	17	14	
None of these (VOL).....	1	2	
Not sure.....	1	1	

16. How would you rate the work ethic in America--very strong, fairly strong, medium, fairly weak, or very weak?

Very strong.....	12	[215]
Fairly strong.....	25	
Medium.....	34	
Fairly weak.....	17	
Very weak.....	9	
Not sure.....	3	

Now I'm going to ask you a few questions about some social and cultural issues . . .

- 17a. Let me read you two positions on government regulation of firearms. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: The government goes too far in restricting the rights of citizens to own firearms.

Position B: The government does not do enough to regulate access to firearms.

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	37	
Totally.....	22	[216]
Mainly.....	9	
Somewhat.....	6	
Position B	59	
Somewhat.....	9	
Mainly.....	14	
Totally.....	36	
Not sure.....	4	

- 17b. Let me read you two positions on school prayer. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: Government should allow prayer in public schools.

Position B: Government should preserve a clear separation between church and state.

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	65	
Totally.....	47	[217]
Mainly.....	12	
Somewhat.....	6	
Position B	31	
Somewhat.....	6	
Mainly.....	8	
Totally.....	17	
Not sure.....	4	

- 17c. Let me read you two positions on the issue of abortion. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: Government should pass more laws that restrict the availability of abortions.

Position B: The government should not interfere with a woman's access to abortion.

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	30	
Totally.....	21	[218]
Mainly.....	6	
Somewhat.....	3	
Position B	65	
Somewhat.....	10	
Mainly.....	14	
Totally.....	41	
Not sure.....	5	

- 17d. Let me read you two positions on laws dealing with homosexuality. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: There are too many unnecessary laws that give special rights to homosexuals.

Position B: Current laws are necessary to prohibit discrimination against homosexuals.

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	42	
Totally.....	27	[219]
Mainly.....	8	
Somewhat.....	7	
Position B	49	
Somewhat.....	15	
Mainly.....	15	
Totally.....	19	
Not sure.....	9	

- 17e. Let me read you two positions on violence in the media. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: Government should pass laws to limit violence in movies, television, and video games

Position B: Government should not decide the content of movies, television, or video games

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	50	
Totally.....	30	[220]
Mainly.....	11	
Somewhat.....	9	
Position B	46	
Somewhat.....	9	
Mainly.....	13	
Totally.....	24	
Not sure.....	4	

- 17f. Let me read you two positions on school vouchers. Between these positions, which do you tend to side with more?

Position A: Government should give parents more educational choices by providing taxpayer-funded vouchers to help pay for private or religious schools.

Position B: Government funding should be limited to children who attend public schools.

How strongly do you side with that position--totally, mainly, or just somewhat?

Position A	47	
Totally.....	27	[221]
Mainly.....	12	
Somewhat.....	8	
Position B	47	
Somewhat.....	9	
Mainly.....	13	
Totally.....	25	
Not sure.....	6	

18. When it comes to dealing with **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, both about the same, or neither?

	<u>Party</u> <u>Advantage</u>	<u>Democratic</u> <u>Party</u>	<u>Republican</u> <u>Party</u>	<u>Both About</u> <u>The Same</u>	<u>Neither</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
Gun control							[222]

June 1999.....	D-5	29	24	23	16	8	
Abortion							[223]
June 1999.....	D-8	31	23	21	16	9	
May 1996.....	D-9	34	25	10	22	9	
December 1995.....	D-13	33	20	15	21	11	
October 1994.....	D-7	31	24	12	20	13	
October 1993.....	D-8	33	25	19	14	9	
July 1992+.....	D-14	32	18	22	19	9	
May 1992.....	D-13	33	20	14	17	16	
April 1992+.....	D-15	34	19	19	17	11	
February/March 1992+....	D-11	31	20	20	17	12	
October 1991+.....	D-14	36	22	14	15	13	
School prayer							[224]
June 1999.....	R-4	23	27	26	15	9	
Gay rights							[225]
June 1999.....	D-17	34	17	22	16	11	
Violence in the media							[226]
June 1999.....	R-5	17	22	32	21	8	
School vouchers							[227]
June 1999.....	D-1	25	24	24	15	12	

+ Asked only of registered voters.

19a. Now let me read you a list of the social and cultural issues that we have been discussing and ask which one or two are the most important to you personally? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Gun control.....	43	[228]
Violence in the media.....	32	>
School prayer.....	24	
Abortion.....	23	
School vouchers.....	17	
Gay rights.....	6	
All of these (VOL).....	5	
None of these (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

- 19b. And now I'm going to read you a different list of social and cultural issues that are likely to be discussed in the future, and ask which one or two are the most important to you personally? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Youth violence.....	58	[229]
Pornography and privacy issues related to the Internet.....	38	>
Immigration from Africa, Asia, and Latin America.....	19	
Medical research on genetic cloning.....	16	
The proliferation of gambling.....	10	
All of these (VOL).....	5	
None of these (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

20. I'm going to mention some groups and institutions, and please tell me which one or two have the most potential to improve the country's social and moral values? **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.) ****

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Families.....	70	[230-231]
Churches and synagogues.....	33	>
Schools.....	21	
Communities.....	20	
The entertainment media.....	9	
The court system.....	5	
The federal government.....	4	
All of these (VOL).....	4	
None of these (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	-	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 21a. For each of the following, please tell me whether you believe this group represents traditional American values very well, somewhat well, or not that well.

	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Somewha t Well</u>	<u>Not That Well</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The Democratic Party					[232]
June 1999 *.....	13	52	30	5	1
July 1992.....	10	57	30	3	
The Republican Party					[233]
June 1999 *.....	23	55	17	5	1
July 1992.....	12	48	36	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 21b. I'm going to read you a statement, and please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with it. "I don't trust politicians when they talk about social and moral values."

Strongly agree.....	42	[234]
Somewhat agree.....	33	
Somewhat disagree.....	14	
Strongly disagree.....	8	
Not sure.....	3	

- 21c. Now I'm going to read you a list of public figures, and for each one, I would like you to tell me whether that individual has moral values and standards that are ideal, good, mixed, weak, or deplorable.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY IDEAL OR GOOD

	<u>Ideal</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Weak</u>	<u>Deplorable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Colin Powell *.....	37	43	8	3	1	8	[239]
John Glenn *.....	27	44	12	3	1	13	[238]
Elizabeth Dole *.....	21	49	13	5	1	11	[236]
George W. Bush **.....	11	46	18	4	3	18	[244]
Jesse Jackson **.....	13	43	22	9	6	7	[243]
Al Gore **.....	10	42	21	11	5	11	[241]
Hillary Rodham Clinton *.....	11	34	22	14	15	4	[237]
Charlton Heston **.....	8	31	22	9	6	24	[242]
Pat Robertson *.....	9	26	22	10	9	24	[235]
Bill Clinton **.....	4	11	18	22	43	2	[240]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22. Now I'm going to mention several issues, and I'd like to get your reaction. For each item I read, please tell me whether this is something you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT FAVOR

	<u>Strongly Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Favor</u>	<u>Somewhat Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Giving federal funds to private organizations--including religious organizations--that deal with solving social problems, such as poverty, alcohol and drug addiction, and domestic violence **.....	45	31	8	13	3	[255]
Passing legislation against hate crimes that would increase the punishment for crimes committed against a person because of the victim's race, religion, ethnic background, or sexual orientation *.....	61	14	8	13	4	[246]
Having tougher screening of judicial appointments to find judges with pro-family views *.....	44	26	11	12	7	[249]
Allowing religiously based instruction on values and morals in public schools *.....	40	24	13	20	3	[248]
Regulating sexually explicit material on the Internet, even if it means restricting freedom of speech **.....	43	17	11	26	3	[254]
Banning partial-birth abortions *.....	43	11	15	24	7	[245]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q.22. (cont'd)

	Strongly Favor	Somewhat Favor	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
Eliminating affirmative action programs that give special consideration to minorities and women in decisions about admissions, hiring, or promotions *.....	32	21	18	22	7	[250]
Banning medical research on human cloning **.....	35	12	17	31	5	[252]
Changing immigration laws to restrict immigration from Africa, Asia, and Latin America *.....	25	19	23	23	10	[247]
Allowing homosexual couples to be legally married **....	13	15	14	50	8	[253]
Lowering the age at which the death penalty can be applied to juveniles under the age of fourteen **.....	14	12	18	50	6	[251]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

23. I'm going to read a list of things that some people consider to be problems facing American families today. For each one, please tell me how serious a problem you feel it is for families today -- very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not much of a problem at all.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM

	Very Serious Problem	Fairly Serious Problem	Just Somewhat Serious Problem	Not Much Of A Problem At All	Not Sure	
Parents not paying enough attention to what's going on in their children's lives **.....	83	8	7	1	1	[265]
Peer pressure on children to use drugs **.....	68	14	14	3	1	[267]
The influence of sexually explicit or violent media on children **.....	67	12	16	5	-	[266]
The high rate of divorce and the breakup of families *.....	63	15	17	4	1	[257]
The failure of schools to provide discipline for children *.....	56	14	20	8	2	[260]
Movies and television programs that portray violence and violent behavior *.....	51	14	23	11	1	[259]
Economic pressures to make ends meet *.....	50	20	21	7	2	[256]
The declining role of religion in our society **....	49	17	21	11	2	[263]
The declining sense of community and neighborhoods **.....	47	22	23	6	2	[268]
The rise of single-parent households **.....	46	18	23	12	1	[269]
The emphasis on putting career ahead of family **.....	42	20	25	11	2	[264]
Young people feeling excluded and rejected by their peers *.....	42	18	26	11	3	[261]
The poor example that some sports and entertainment figures set for children *.....	42	16	25	15	2	[262]
The rise of households in which both parents work *.....	31	17	28	21	3	[258]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Changing subjects . . .

- 24a. I'm going to read you a number of things that the federal government might do to regulate the manufacture and sale of firearms. For each provision I read, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose it. Would you favor or oppose this provision? *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FAVOR

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Requiring background checks on people who want to buy any type of gun.....	90	9	1	[271]
Requiring that guns have safety triggers that would prevent a small child from firing them.....	88	10	2	[270]
Making it illegal for anyone under the age of twenty-one to purchase a handgun.....	82	16	2	[272]
Requiring registration of any type of gun or firearm.....	79	19	2	[274]
Making a parent or adult criminally responsible when a child uses their gun to injure a person or commit a crime.....	58	34	8	[273]
Banning the sale of handguns.....	33	62	5	[275]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

As you may know, there has been a series of school shootings in the past year, in which students have brought guns into their schools.

- 24b. I'm going to read you some different ideas that people have mentioned as possible causes of youth gun violence. Please tell me which one or two of the following you blame the most for these acts of youth gun violence. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)** **

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Parents not paying enough attention to what's going on in their children's lives.....	68	[276]
Movies and television programs that portray violence and violent behavior.....	25	>
The widespread availability of guns and other weapons.....	24	
The amount of media coverage of school shootings.....	18	
The high rate of divorce and the breakup of families.....	11	
Schools not taking adequate measures to prevent such violence.....	7	
All (VOL).....	7	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Getting near the end of the survey . . .

25. For each of the following, please tell me whether that applies or does not apply to you personally.

	<u>Applies</u>	<u>Does Not</u> <u>Apply</u>	<u>Depends</u> <u>(VOL)</u>	<u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
Have a family dinner at least five times per week.....	60	38	1	1	[277/446]
Live in a household with two working parents.....	39	60	-	1	[278/447]
Someone in your household has a tattoo.....	21	78	-	1	[279/448]
Watch talk shows, such as Jerry Springer or Jenny Jones.....	20	77	2	1	[280/449]
Read the newspaper at least three times per week.....	79	20	-	1	[308/450]
Volunteer for a community organization.....	62	36	1	1	[309/451]
Donate money to a public interest or issue group.....	60	37	2	1	[310/452]
Have children under 18 and live in a single-parent household.....	8	91	-	1	[311/453]
Know your neighbors well.....	73	24	2	1	[312/454]
Someone in your household has served, or currently serves, in the military.....	44	55	-	1	[313/455]
Identify with the views of the Christian Coalition.....	28	52	7	13	[314/456]
Have children under 18 and live in a household with one or more children and two adults in the household raising them ¹	30	69	-	1	[457]

¹ Asked only of 1,880 respondents.

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	10	[315-316]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	10	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	9	
50-54.....	8	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	3	

F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[317-318]
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	29	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	18	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree...	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) What type of work do you do?

(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

Professional/manager.....	22	[319-320]
White collar worker.....	21	
Blue collar worker.....	21	
Farmer.....	1	
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retiree.....	22	
Unemployed.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or do you think that your views cannot really be described in those terms?

Very liberal.....	6	[327]
Somewhat liberal.....	17	
Moderate.....	24	
Somewhat conservative.....	25	
Very conservative.....	11	
Views cannot be described in those terms.....	13	
Not sure.....	4	

F5. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district in which you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	84	[328]
Not registered.....	14	
Not sure.....	2	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	21	[329]
Married.....	58	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	7	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	38	[330]
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	60	
Not sure.....	2	

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	49	CONTINUE	[331]
Catholic.....	28		
Jewish.....	2		
Other.....	14	Skip to Q.F10	
None.....	4		
Not sure/refused.....	3		

(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	17	[332]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	29	
Not sure.....	3	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	51	

F10. How much of a role would you say religion plays in your life -- is it the single most important thing, very important, somewhat important, or not that important?

Single most important thing.....	12	[333]
Very important.....	42	
Somewhat important.....	29	

Not that important.....	14
Not sure.....	3

F11. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	13	[334]
Once a year.....	6	
A few times a year.....	18	
Once a month.....	9	
About twice a month.....	12	
Once a week or more often.....	39	
Not sure.....	3	

F12. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[335]
Labor union household.....	7	
Nonunion household.....	79	
Not sure.....	3	

F13. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[336]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

F14. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[337]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	14	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	10	
More than \$100,000.....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	14	